

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**COLORADO STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2010**

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**I. CONVENE**

The Open Session of the meeting for the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine was convened at One Civic Center Plaza, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1550, Denver, Colorado 80202, at 8:31 a.m. by Michael Gotchey, DVM, Board President.

**In addition to Dr. Gotchey were Board members:**

Richard Leone, DVM, Board Vice-President  
Joni Edwards, DVM, Board Secretary  
Patricia Skolnik, Public Member  
Kim Stone, DVM, Professional Member  
Kristin Woestehoff, DVM, Professional Member  
Stacy Worthington, Public Member, was not present.

**Staff:**

Maulid Miskell, Program Director  
Leanne Clasen, Program Manager  
Rosemary Baker, Administrative Assistant  
Dwynne Zenk, Administrative Assistant  
Rita Quinn, Assistant Attorney General  
Abigail Gaskins, Compliance Monitor  
Melissa Garner, Office of Expedited Settlement  
Les Roberts, Office of Expedited Settlement  
Martha Mesch, Office of Expedited Settlement

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 5, 2010**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the August 5, 2010 meeting minutes.

**III. REPORTS**

**• Announcement from Section Director, Susan Miller.**

Ms. Miller announced to the Board that she is to retire at the end of October, 2010, and introduced Richard Morales as her successor.

**• Report from the Program Director, Maulid Miskell.**

Mr. Miskell introduced Patty Skolnik, a newly appointed Board member. He relayed to the Board members Ms. Skolnik's instrumental role in passing important medical transparency legislation.

Mr. Miskell also informed the Board that Rosemary Baker would be retiring from the agency at the end of November, 2010.

He reported that he, Dr. Edwards, and Dr. Stone took turns occupying the Veterinary booth at the CVMA Convention, which he thought was beneficial to the public. He relayed that a veterinarian who had been disciplined in the past expressed gratitude and that he thought that the experience made him a better practitioner.

Mr. Miskell reported that the Sunset Review is nearing completion.

He reminded those in attendance that there is to be no discussion or input from the public during the proceedings, and reminded the Board Members of the confidential nature of letters of concern.

- **Report from the Board President, Michael Gotchey, DVM.**

Dr. Gotchey reported that the presentation at the CVMA Convention on September 23, 2010 went well. Board members who participated were Dr. Gotchey, Dr. Leone, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Stone, and Mo Miskell participated as the Program Director. Dr. Gotchey also informed the Board about an interesting presentation regarding investigations at the AAVSB Convention in September.

#### **IV. CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- **Continuing Education – Joni Edwards, DVM, Board Secretary**

The bi-monthly requests were reviewed in advance by Dr. Edwards. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all continuing education requests as submitted with the exception of the following requests:

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve 3 hours of the 13 hours requested for #4.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table #9 regarding some of the CVMA sponsored courses at the annual convention for further information. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to designate Dr. Edwards to approve credit once additional information is received.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve 31 hours of the 33 hours requested for #16.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deny approval for #35. Dr. Edwards opposed.

- **Memorandum regarding CVMA Continuing Education.**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that no changes be made to the current procedures.

- **Memorandum regarding Georgette Goonan, DVM.**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve a six month extension for Dr. Goonan to complete her required continuing education. These hours may not be used for the next renewal period.

- **Memorandum regarding Susan Colfer, DVM.**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve a six month extension for Dr. Colfer to complete her required continuing education. These hours may not be used for the next renewal period.

#### **V. OPEN FORUM**

Ralph Johnson of CVMA relayed to the Board that Dr. Leone was recognized by the Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies for his collaboration and cooperation with the animal welfare population in the Arkansas Valley.

Denise Mikita of CACVT announced that she had brought numerous technicians to attend the meeting.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Election of Officers**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Dr. Gotchey will continue as Board President.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Dr. Leone will continue as Vice-President.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that Dr. Edwards will continue as Secretary.

- **Letter from Michelle Prud'Homme.**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to address the issues raised in a case by case basis, based upon applicable statute and rules.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Memorandum regarding 2011 Meeting Schedule.**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to table the 2011 meeting schedule pending Board member's schedules.

## **VIII. LICENSING**

### **• Memorandum regarding newly licensed Veterinarians. (Consent Item)**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all newly licensed Veterinarians either by exam or endorsement.

### **Yes Applications**

### **• Memorandum regarding academic licensure for Valerie Johnson, DVM.**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for further discussion.

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to table pending receipt of additional information.

### **• Memorandum regarding reinstatement for Rodney Page, DVM.**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve reinstatement.

## **IX. INITIAL REVIEW**

### **AGENDA ITEM #1                      Rebecca Anderson, DVM #8165                      Case #2010-4601**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2                      Melissa Etheridge, DVM #6931                      Case #2010-4814**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

### **AGENDA ITEM #3                      Timothy Strauss, DVM #8155                      Case #2011-0140**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer for discipline.

### **AGENDA ITEM #4                      Jeremy Sebor, DVM #8369                      Case #2010-4755**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to table pending receipt of additional information.

### **AGENDA ITEM #5                      Marie Richardson, DVM #5270                      Case #2011-0344**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer for discipline.

### **AGENDA ITEM #6                      Merrilee Lass, DVM #5789                      Case #2011-0295**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer for discipline.

### **AGENDA ITEM #7                      Allison Kean, DVM #8678                      Case #2011-0671**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for possible disciplinary action. Dr. Leone opposed.

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case. The Board found that there was no reasonable cause to warrant further action at this time.

### **AGENDA ITEM #8                      Melanie Robinson, DVM #8458                      Case #2010-4989**

Dr. Leone recused himself from the discussion and the vote, and exited the room. After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

**AGENDA ITEM #9**                      **Table Mountain Animal Center**                      **Case #2011-0137**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to table pending receipt of additional information.

**AGENDA ITEM #10**                      **David McCluggage, DVM #3648**                      **Case #2011-0133**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer for discipline. Dr. Leone opposed.

**AGENDA ITEM #11**                      **Thomas Suplizio, DVM #7578**                      **Case #2011-0297**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for possible disciplinary action.

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

**AGENDA ITEM #12**                      **Heather Steyn, DVM #7396**                      **Case #2010-4616**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer the case to the Office of Investigations.

**AGENDA ITEM #13**                      **Michael King, DVM #8162**                      **Case #2010-3999**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

*Note: The following two cases are related.*

**AGENDA ITEM #14**                      **Taka Kitashima, DVM #1378**                      **Case #2010-4818**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for disciplinary action.

**CASE CONSIDERATION**

- Memorandum regarding Taka Kitashima, DVM.

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to initiate a complaint and refer to Executive Session for disciplinary action.

**X.      TABLED**

*Note: The following two cases are related.*

**Robert James, DVM #3893**                      **Case #2010-2992**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for disciplinary action.

**Robert James, DVM #3893**                      **Case #2011-0131**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for disciplinary action.

**XI. OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS**

*Note: The following two cases are related.*

**Asuka Iguchi, Unlicensed**

**Case #2010-2995**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded and carried to issue a Cease and Desist Order for the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine.

**Ivan Ivanov, Unlicensed**

**Case #2011-0447**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to initiate a complaint against Dr. Young.

*Note: The following three cases are related.*

**Douglas Ikeler, DVM #4942**

**Case #2010-4378**

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded and carried to refer to Executive Session for possible disciplinary action.

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer this case to the Office of Investigations.

**Peggy Cruder, Unlicensed**

**Case #2011-0023**

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

**Robert Cruder, Unlicensed**

**Case #2011-0024**

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to dismiss the case without merit.

**Board Ratifications**

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve all items for ratification.

**XII. CASE CONSIDERATION**

- Memorandum regarding Douglas Ikeler, DVM.

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to refer to Executive Session for possible disciplinary action.

Upon returning to Open Session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to initiate a complaint and refer it to the Office of Investigations.

**XI. STIPULATIONS**

- **Open Stipulations Report**  
**September 27, 2010**

Board Noted. Dr. DeWaal was approved to close.

- **Lee Bregitzer, DVM #2082**  
**Case # 2009-1760**  
Memo #1

After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve Dr. Brian Boyle as the practice monitor.

- **Lee Bregitzer, DVM #2082**

- Case # 2009-1760**

- Memo #2**

- After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to deny the requested continuing education since it was completed without prior Board approval.

- **Mark Cochran, DVM #3252**

- Case # 2010-2365**

- After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve Dr. Mary Anne Smith as practice monitor.

- **Douglas Ikeler, DVM #4942**

- Case # 2005-1344**

- After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to order him to come into compliance with his Stipulation within 60 days.

- **David Luck, DVM #1384**

- Case # 2010-0097**

- After careful consideration of the information provided, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the ProBE course with essay.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT - OPEN SESSION**

Michael Gotchey, DVM, Board chair, moved on October 14, 2010, at 12:05 p.m. that the Board of Veterinary Medicine enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing with counsel disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action, discussing specific claims or grievances, and receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes section 24-6-402 (3) (a) (II), including:

- ☐ The legal basis for potential disciplinary action, and, where warranted, recommended settlement guidance for matters discussed in open session today and referred to executive session.
  - Timothy Strauss, DVM
  - Marie Richardson, DVM
  - Merrilee Laas, DVM
  - Allison Kean, DVM
  - David McCluggage, DVM
  - Thomas Suplizio, DVM
  - Taka Kitashima, DVM
  - Robert James, DVM
  - Douglas Ikeler, DVM
- ☐ Settlement, counteroffers and other legal questions pertaining to open cases referred to the Expedited Settlement Program, including the case status report.

N/A

- ☐ Counteroffers, settlement issues and other legal questions pertaining to cases with the Attorney General's Office, including the case status report.
  - Joel Akin, DVM
  - Karen Faunt, DVM
  - Kim Fry (Unlicensed)
  - Aimee Gereaux (Unlicensed)

- Ashley Harris, DVM (Out of State)
- Robert Hicks, DVM (Out of State)
- Joanna Hyland, DVM
- Lisa Killian, DVM
- Cynthia Kryjak, DVM
- Janele Kubacki, DVM
- Robert Lester, DVM (Out of State)
- Jennifer Tremblay, DVM
- Ari Zabell, DVM (Out of State)
- Joan Murnane, DVM

- Records and issues regarding an application which are confidential pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes Title 25, Article 1, Part 12 and 13-90-107(1)(d). Drug and alcohol treatment records of a Licensee whose identity and treatment information is confidential pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2.

For this discussion the Board did not identify the licensee by name in public session with regard to the drug treatment information.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Open session of the meeting for the Board of Veterinary Medicine adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The Board then entered into Executive Session and reconvened in Open Session at 3:14 p.m.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT - OPEN SESSION**

The final meeting adjournment was at 3:20 p.m. The Board will reconvene on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at One Civic Center Plaza, Room 1250 C, Denver, CO 80202, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

**Attestation:**

Pursuant to § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(B), C.R.S., as Board Chair, I attest that the Executive Session of the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting held on October 14, 2010 was confined to the topics authorized for discussion pursuant to § 24-6-402(3)(a)(II), (III), and (IV), C.R.S.

Approved by Michael H. Gotsch 12-9-2010  
Board President Date

Pursuant to § 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(I)(B), C.R.S., as counsel for the Board, I attest that it is my opinion that all matters discussed during the Executive Session of the Colorado State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting held on October 14, 2010 constituted attorney-client communications and the contents of attorney-client discussions are not reflected within these minutes.

Approved by [Signature] 12/9/2010  
Assistant Attorney General Date